

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting regarding the proposed improvements to the US 59 South/IH 610 West Interchange in Harris County. The meeting will be held on April 18, 2012 at the Houston Community College Southwest Campus, which is located at 5601 West Loop South. The meeting will be held in an open house format from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input on the proposed reconstruction of the US 59 South/IH 610 West Interchange. The proposed roadway improvement project would construct new direct connectors, construct access ramps, realign Post Oak Boulevard, and reconstruct the IH 610 main lane bridge. The project would be constructed in three phases. The project improvements are proposed to increase safety, reduce congestion, and improve operational efficiency.

Exhibits showing aerial photography and schematic plans of the proposed project will be presented at the meeting. Representatives from TxDOT and their study team will be available to answer individual questions. Public comments are encouraged. The schematic plan showing the proposed design is on file and available for inspection at the TxDOT Houston District Office at 7600 Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007. The TxDOT office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding state holidays.

Minor amounts of additional right-of-way would be required for the proposed project and one displacement would be necessary. Personnel from the TxDOT Right-of-Way Section will be available to discuss TxDOT's Relocation Assistance Program that provides benefits and services for those that may be displaced. Information about the tentative right-of-way acquisition schedule may be obtained from the District office.

Persons interested in attending the public meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT's Public Information Office at 713-802-5072 at least two working days prior to the meeting. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two working days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public meeting. Written comments relative to the proposed project may be presented at the meeting or submitted to the Director of Project Development, Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 1386, Houston, Texas 77251-1386, at any time on or before May 2, 2012. Comments may also be emailed on or before May 2, 2012 to HOU-PIOWebMail@txdot.gov.